

# READY, SET SOAR OHIO



Early Investments, A Lifetime of Success.

## The State of Infants & Toddlers



Lucas  
County



# 21,828

children three years old or younger

Infants and toddlers living in poverty  
(defined as living at or below 200% of the  
Federal Poverty Guidelines—an annual  
household income of \$51,500 for a family of 4)

1 in 2

28%

Eligible infants and toddlers living at  
130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines  
accessing publicly funded child care

Infants and toddlers receiving  
health coverage through  
Medicaid and Healthy Start

58%

Of the 2,508 accessing publicly funded child care,  
47% are in high-quality programs  
(rated a 3- to 5-star in Ohio's  
quality rating and improvement  
system, Step Up to Quality)

Families with infants and toddlers  
receiving evidence-based home visiting  
services through the state funded  
Help Me Grow program

350

249 infants and toddlers age three  
and under are in state custody...

0-3 year olds receiving  
Early Intervention services

1,050

This accounts for 37% of all kids in custody

Kindergartners entering the  
classroom ready to learn

33%

19%

Economically disadvantaged  
kindergartners entering the  
classroom ready to learn

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